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that the contact length in a generator direction of the both conical surfaces to the track on the both bearing plates is minimized, a plurality of track pockets are provided oppositely to the pair of bearing plates, the both-end conical rollers are rotatably held in the opposing pair of track pockets.

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5. (Amended) The scroll thrust bearing of claim 1, wherein the pair of bearing plates are linked and held by linking means in a relatively swirling state.

Please add new claim 24 as follows:

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--24. (NEW) A scroll thrust bearing having a plurality of both-end conical rollers rotatably held between a pair of parallel bearing plates, wherein said both-end conical rollers are composed of conical bodies having a pair of conical surfaces matched coaxially, and a relation of a scroll swirl radius (R) and a dimension (H) between opposite tracks of the bearing plates is set in a relation of $1 < H/R < 5$, wherein the conical surfaces of the both-end conical roller are crowned. --

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-24 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 5 are amended and claim 24 is added. Claims 4, 6, 8 and 10-22 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment: a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; b) does not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration because the Amendment amplifies issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; c) does not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an Appeal be necessary. The Amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because it is made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. The Amendments to the subject claims do not incorporate any new subject matter into the claims. Thus, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.